

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A streaming media player providing content protection and digital rights management, including:

a port configured to receive a digital bit stream, the digital bit stream comprising at least two sub-streams which have been muxed together, the digital bit stream including:

content which is encrypted at least in part, and
~~at least two sub-streams which have been muxed together, at least one of the sub-streams including compressed information, and~~
~~a secure container including control information for controlling use of the content, the control information including at least one key suitable for decryption of at least a portion of the content, and a first rule or rule set including at least one rule specifying that the content can only be decrypted on a system having a predefined system identifier;~~

a control arrangement including:

~~means for opening secure containers and extracting cryptographic keys from the digital bit stream;—~~

~~means for decrypting the encrypted portion of the content; and~~
a second rule or rule set governing at least one aspect of usage of at least one sub-stream or object, wherein the second rule or rule set includes at least one rule stored in a non-volatile memory internally integrated with the player; and

means for enforcing the first rule or rule set and the second rule or rule set, the means for enforcing including means for selectively passing at least one key to a stream controller in accordance with the first rule or rule set;

a demux designed to separate and route the sub-streams;

a decompression unit configured to decompress at least one of the sub-streams, the decompression unit and the demux being connected by a pathway for the transmission of information;

a rendering unit designed to process decompressed content information for rendering; and

a stream controller operatively connected to the decompression unit and the control arrangement, the stream controller including decryption functionality configured to decrypt at least a portion of a sub-stream based on at least one key passed from the control arrangement and pass the decrypted sub-stream to the decompression unit.

9. (Currently Amended) The player of Claim 8, wherein the second rule or rule set includes at least one rule that is delivered from an external source.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The player of Claim 8, wherein the second rule or rule set specifies conditions under which the governed at least one sub-stream or object may be decrypted.

12. (Currently Amended) The player of Claim 8, wherein the second rule or rule set governs at least one aspect of access to the governed at least one sub-stream or object.

13. (Currently Amended) The player of Claim 8, wherein the governed at least one aspect of usage includes making copies of the governed at least one sub-stream or object.

14. (Currently Amended) The player of Claim 8, wherein the governed at least one aspect of usage includes transmitting the governed at least one sub-stream or object through a digital output port.

15. (Currently Amended) The player of Claim 8, wherein the second rule or rule set specifies that the governed at least one sub-stream or object can be transferred to a second device, but rendering of the governed at least one sub-stream or object must be disabled in the streaming media player prior to or during the transfer.

16. (Original) The player of Claim 15, wherein the second device includes rendering capability, lacks at least one feature present in the streaming media player, and is at least somewhat more portable than the streaming media player.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The player of Claim [[18]] 8, wherein the first rule or rule set controls at least one aspect of operation of the second rule or rule set.

20. (Currently Amended) The player of Claim 8, wherein the governed at least one aspect of usage includes use of at least one budget.

21. (Currently Amended) The player of Claim 8, wherein the governed at least one aspect of usage includes a requirement that audit information be provided.

22-26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) The player of Claim 8, wherein the second rule or rule set is configured to condition viewing information in at least one sub-stream upon viewing information in another sub-stream.

28. (Previously Presented) The player of Claim 27, wherein the at least one sub-stream comprises an advertisement.

29. (Withdrawn).